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SUBJECT: CALL ON MINISTER OF JUSTICE

1. I MADE MY COURTESY CALL ON THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
ON MAY 27. UNLIKE THE OTHER MINISTERS, THERE WAS NO
NOTETAKER PRESENT AT OUR CONVERSATION AND HE DID NOT
UNDERTAKE TO EDUCATE ME ON THE PRESENT INTENTIONS OF
THE MALAGASY GOVERNMENT.

2. THE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE PART OF OUR CONVERSATION
CONCERNED THE IMPRISONED AMERICAN MR. LAPPEMAN. WHEN
I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT NEITHER LAPPEMAN'S AMERICAN
CITIZENSHIP NOR HIS SOUTH AFRICAN CONNECTIONS WOULD
PREJUDICE HIS CHANCES OF OBTAINING SPEEDY AND IMPARTIAL
JUSTICE, THE MINISTER REPLIED THAT HE WAS TRYING TO
MOVE THE CASE ALONG AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. IN RESPONSE TO
MY PERSISTENCE THAT MR. LAPPEMAN COULD NOT BE HELD
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF AN AIRCRAFT OVER WHICH
HE DID NOT HAVE COMMAND, THE MINISTER SAID THAT THE
CASES OF LAPPEMAN AND THE PILOT WERE INDEED OF A DIFFERENT
NATURE. FURTHER REPORTING ON THIS ASPECT IS CONTAINED
IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

3. THE REST OF OUR CONVERSATION WAS CASUAL AND
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PERSONAL WITH THE MINISTER, IN A FRIENDLY AND RELAXED
MOOD, REMINISCING ON HIS EARLY TEACHING CAREER IN MAJUNGA AND
HOW HE SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME A LAW PROFESSOR AND CIVIL
SERVANT. DETAILS BY BIO CARD.BARRETT

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